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Transmittal Letter To The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371

Attorney Docket No.: 27610U

U.S. Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

International Application No.: PCT/ES2005/000143

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Title of Invention: PROTECTIVE TUBE

Applicants for DO/EO/US: RELATS, Jordi; RELATS, Pere; ARTOLA, Dolors; FRUNS, Anna

Applicant hereby submits to the Unites States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. X This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

3. X This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.

4. X The US has been elected (Article 31).

- 5. \underline{X} A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
 - a. \underline{X} is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).

b. _ has been communicated by the International Bureau.

c. _ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)

6. \underline{X} A English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)($\overline{2}$).

7. X Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))

a. _ are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).

b. _ have been communicated by the International Bureau.

c. _ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.

d. X have not been made and will not be made.

8. _ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).

9. \underline{X} An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).

10. _ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

ITEMS 11 to 20 BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:

11. __ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

12. \overline{X} An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

13. _ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.

14. _ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment

15. _ A substitute specification.

16. _ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.

17. _ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter2 and 35 USC

18. _ A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)

19. _ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)

20. X Other items or information:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER; APPLICATION DATA SHEET; INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBER: WO 2005/091456 A1, WITH THE PCT/ISA/210 (INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT); INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2005, IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE; ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION, WHICH CONSISTS OF 9 PAGES: 5 PAGES OF TEXTUAL SPECIFICATION, 2 PAGES OF 6 CLAIMS, 1 PAGE FOR THE ABSTRACT, AND 1 SHEET OF DRAWINGS; EXECUTED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY; EXECUTED ASSIGNMENT, WITH A RECORDATION COVER SHEET, IN FAVOR OF RELATS, S.A., OF CALDES DE MONTBUI -(BARCELONA) SPAIN; POSTCARD FOR THE EARLY NOTIFICATION OF THE SERIAL NUMBER REQUEST.

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23. X Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))					200.00	 	
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- b. _ Please charge my Deposit Account Number: 14-0112 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)
- c. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number: 14-0112.
- d. _ Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit Card Information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

Transmittal Letter to U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning Filing under 35 U.S.C. 371;

2) International Publication Number: WO 2005/091456 A1, with the PCT/ISA/210 (International Search Report); International Publication Date: September 29, 2005, in the Spanish Language;

3) English Translation of the International Publication, which consists of 9 pages:

5 pages of Textual Specification,

2 pages of 6 Claims,

1 page for the Abstract, and

1 sheet of Drawings;

4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;

5) Executed Assignment, with a Recordation Cover Sheet, in favor of RELATS, S.A., of Caldes de Montbui - (Barcelona) SPAIN;

6) Check No.: <u>7636</u> in the Amount of <u>\$450.00</u> for the Basic Filing Fee, which includes the Search and Examination Fees, as a **Small Entity**;

7) Check No.: <u>2637</u> in the Amount of <u>\$40.00</u> for the fee for the Recordation of the Assignment document;

8) Postcard for Early Notification of the Serial Number Request.

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